

University of Houston System feasibility study
(item veto in SB 179, by Jones)

DIGEST:

The general appropriations bill contained a line item in the University of Houston System Administration's appropriation that would have provided \$200,000 to study the feasibility of a branch campus of the University of Houston in the Woodlands area north of Houston.

GOVERNOR'S
REASONS
FOR VETO:

The proposed study would have been the first step toward establishing a new campus in the Woodlands area. Because Prairie View A&M is in the same area, appropriating state funds to help establish another university nearby would be inconsistent with the state's desegregation plan for higher education.

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VIEW:

Sen. Jones said he thought Gov. White's appropriations vetoes were less broad than those of previous governors. He said the Governor "treated the appropriations bill rather gently." Regarding the particular item vetoed, Jones said "that veto didn't particularly bother me. The project wasn't going to come about right away anyway."

Conveyance of museum property to city of Austin
(SB 242, by Doggett)

DIGEST:

SB 242 would have transferred the state's "right of reversion" over certain real property to the city of Austin. The 28 acres of land was deeded to the Laguna Gloria Art Museum, a nonprofit corporation, with the state having a reversionary interest.

GOVERNOR'S
REASON
FOR VETO:

The bill violates Art. 3, sec. 51 of the Texas Constitution, which forbids the Legislature from granting public monies to any individual, association of individuals, municipal or other corporations, with certain exceptions.